



August 3, 2023

This week at FPC

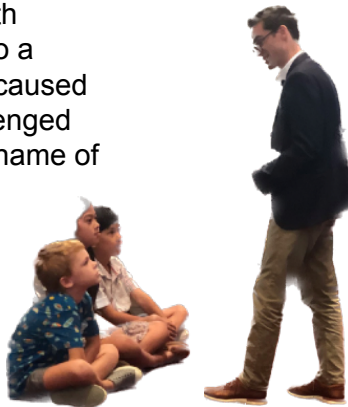
"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Hebrews 6:19

Worship July 30

"...It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.'" Acts 4: 10-11

Pastor Sean Bland's sermon, "What's in a Name, Anyway?" was based on the fourth chapter of Acts, where Peter explained to a growing number of believers that Jesus caused the healing of the lame man. Sean challenged us from this passage to, in the powerful name of Jesus, do five things:

1. Spread the Gospel,
2. Show kindness,
3. Shake up the world,
4. Share what you have, and
5. Seize onto salvation.



The apostles were "ordinary, common men," and yet through them the Spirit moved—the Spirit can and does move through us today to do these things!



"Special coffee hour" honorees

Susan and Phil Thow have been active members of our church for many years. They are excellent examples of those in our church family who quietly work to keep God's house in working order.

Susan is our treasurer. This vital behind the scenes job requires countless hours even during her busy tax season. In past years Sue also taught Vacation Bible School.

Phil is an Elder, currently serving on the Building and Grounds committee and taking care of many of our technology needs. Each Sunday he recruits volunteers to collect the offering. Phil also coordinated the Presbytery visit this spring.

Together, they often host coffee hour! We are blessed to have them and were happy to say a big "Thank you!" last Sunday.



On the Journey

Please pray for the Lord to bring our job
posting to the attention of the pastor
He has planned for us.

Pastor Search information has been posted!



Our church information sheet and pastor job description is posted on the ECO Job Board. We are ready for the next steps in finding our new pastor, including receiving applications. As always, we

welcome questions, comments or thoughts you might want to share, using the PNC email, PNC2FPCNewport.org. Thank you.

Greg Bloom, Deidra Ricci, Jamie Landsman, Barbara Ross, Mark Barnes, Nancy Burgess, Susan Fennessey



The Vision Framing Team (VFC) leans on your prayers as we seek to discern His will for our church in this time and place, and why people should call FPC their spiritual home. Our efforts have helped finalize a posting for ECO's Job Board and will serve as a foundation for our new pastor to begin working with our leadership and members. *Chip Wilson, Tim Schultz, Stacie Schultz, Rachel Nerheim, Mike Ricci, Phil Kaun, and Daryl Kolator*

Pastor office hours — Sean Bland is available in the church office Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. He invites everyone to "Please drop by and chat sometime this summer!" He welcomes voice messages or emails (pastor@fpcnewport.org).



Reverend Jeff Hutchinson will continue to be at FPC once a month to give a sermon and serve communion. We look forward to seeing him and his wife, Troy, on a regular basis. They are a tremendous blessing to us while we search for a new, permanent pastor!



When you can't be here to worship in person

View our livestream worship service online through Facebook or our web site, fpcnewport.org. The weekly e-Blast offers a direct link to click or copy and paste into your browser. Be sure to subscribe for easier access.



This QR code will take you directly to our church website.

Be Involved

Summer Sunday School

We review a new Psalm each week this summer—studying, praying, and applying it. Come any Sunday at 9:15 in the Hometime Room.



Hosts needed

Come to the Fellowship Hall after worship service for coffee, tea, snacks and great conversation as we catch up with old friends and welcome new visitors. You can help host by signing up on the list near the coffee pot. It's very simple—keep the coffee pot filled and bring in a few treats—there's always someone willing to help.



Music notes

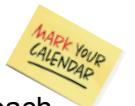
Angel Conwell, music director, and her family will be away for two weeks enjoying a well deserved vacation to Yellowstone National Park.

On August 6, Sarah Kindzerske, pianist, will provide the music, and on August 13, David Warfield will return to play the organ and direct the choir.

Come sing with us August 13, 20, and 27! We meet in the choir loft at 9:45 to "pick up" a piece of music to quickly learn and sing that morning. It's an opportunity to enjoy singing from the choir loft and enriching our worship service. Check with Angel for details, music@fpcnewport.org. We invite all who love singing or playing an instrument as we blend traditional, classical and contemporary songs in our Sunday worship.

Seaside fun for all

Church picnic at Gooseberry Beach August 27—Everyone is invited to enjoy the sun and sand or relax in the indoor club room. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided.



Game Nights

Plan to join us August 18 and November 17. Pizza, games, fellowship, and fun for the whole family!



Reaching out

Supporting local programs: As part of July's outreach efforts, FPC Deacons will donate snacks and water for the Newport Police Department summer camp for children ages 10 to 14 during the second week of August.



Project Bible Runners is an organization that hand delivers Bibles to faithful followers of Jesus where believers outnumber Bibles 300 to 1. If you have extra Bibles, no matter the translation or condition, please bring them to church.

Project Bible Runners representatives will be in our area in August to collect them! To read more about this worthwhile organization and their mission, please visit their website at www.ProjectBibleRunners.com.

The McKinney Shelter needs gently used twin sheets and towels. We will collect them through August 13. Please leave them in the box in Fellowship Hall.

Rev. Hutchinson's church plant:

If you would like to contribute to Rev. Jeff Hutchinson's new church plant, House of Mercy in New Haven, CT, you may write a check payable to FPC, designating House of Mercy on the memo line.

Soup Kitchen:

We started our Summer outside bag meals Wednesday, July 5, by serving 20 guests a meal of Italian subs with lettuce/tomato, applesauce, cookies, pretzels, fruit chewy and water. We took left over meals to Lucy's Hearth. Alice Hand planned the meal, and Regina Skudera, Julie Ward, Paul Cabral, Robert and Christine Sahms, Dick Price, and Coleen and Jerry Spencer prepared and served it.



OBNA Broadway Cleanup:

If you are interested in participating this Saturday, August 5, beginning at 9 a.m., come to Equality Park, across Broadway from the church, with work gloves. Gloves will be provide gloves if you need them.



Pray...



...for the Pastor Nominating Committee as they seek the Lord's guidance in finding our next pastor.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

...for our church as we rely on our faith in God's plan for all of us and reach out to those around us.

...for our nation and its leaders, for our first responders and for all those who serve our nation in dangerous parts of the world, including Jacob Ricci, who is serving with the Coast Guard in Guam.

...with heartfelt sympathy for the family of Rich DaGrosa, who passed away July 14, that they may be comforted by their memories and time spent with him. Rich was a longtime, faithful servant at FPC.

...with joy for a new life, welcoming Maximillian Jack Rexroth, the first grandson of Jamie and Jeff Landsman.

...for spoken and unspoken needs in our church family: for health and healing, comfort in grief or hardship, and praise for answered prayers and God's omnipresence. As you pray, remember these and many others in our church family and beyond.

Janet Champagne
Marcia Clark
Nadira's daughter Melissa
Bonnie Haun and Sadie
Karen Jenkins
Elaine Ruggiero
Ida (Stacie Schultz's mom)
Ralph and Alice Thomas

Lynn Chase
Nadira Ferreira's father
Julie Finnegan (Jones)
Bonnie's brother Mike
Bruce and Jan Jones
Glenna Malkemes
Lilia Svizzero Merrill

"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

Psalms 73:26



Looking Back—Our ninth pastor

Rev. William J. Clark became the ninth pastor of First Presbyterian in August, 1948. He had come from a small church in Watervliet, New York, and years later when he wrote his memoirs, he talked about the first time he and his wife came to Newport. "The congregation was delightful; the church magnificent both inside and out, the organ music was superb." They were taken on a tour and saw a flotilla of US Navy ships at anchor and found Narragansett Bay a "sight to behold." When their four children arrived later, they were more impressed by the ferry ride from Jamestown.



When Rev. Clark arrived there were some problems in the church that needed immediate attention. The new pastor proved his many talents by directly participating in solving major problems. As always, money was one of them; the church had never really been out of debt since its founding.

Space was another big problem. There simply was not enough room for all the needs of a busy congregation—Sunday school classes, youth, women's and men's groups, or the scout troops who wanted to schedule meetings there.

The original space of the beautiful high-ceiling vestry (now Fellowship Hall)—with the balconies at either end—was just not very practical to meet growing needs. Years earlier it had been necessary to put mesh screening at the front of the balconies to prevent the possibility of "little ones" falling from them. Now, with a serious need for additional rooms, the answer was to put up walls and totally enclose the open balconies. New stairways were added at either end of the vestry to reach the new rooms created above. Rev. Clark participated personally in this construction activity. He was indeed unique in this regard; he simply loved to get his hands on a hammer or a paintbrush.

We appreciate the work of these Elders, Deacons and Staff who faithfully serve our church

Session Elders

Worship: Deidra Ricci and Janice Kinder

Missions: Phil Thow

Finance and Personnel: Hoffman and Greg Bloom

Buildings and Grounds: Roger Ward and Phil Thow

Christian Education: Chip Wilson

Inner Life: Mark Barnes and Brian Petit

Board of Deacons

Moderator: Daryl Kolator, Vice Moderator Darien Petit, Kristen Aleicho, Nancy Browne, Nancy Burgess, Deb Hoffman, Judy Sweeney, Jamie Landsman, Cindy Wilson

Staff

Director of Music: Angel Conwell, Secretary: Stacie Schultz
Caretakers: Tom and Cheri Dugan

Weekly Meetings and Activities

Thursday, August 3

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. office open
9:00 to 4:00 Summer Pastor in office
2:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

Saturday, August 5

7:00 a.m. Promise Keepers breakfast
at Chelsea's

Sunday, August 6

9:15 a.m. Sunday School (Psalms)
9:45 a.m. Pick-up choir rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Worship service
(nursery care available)
11:30 Fellowship time
6:00 p.m. Evensong (Zoom)

Monday, August 7

10:00 a.m. Worship Committee

Tuesday, August 8

9:00-4:00 Summer Pastor in office
Naomi Circle

Wednesday, August 9

5:00 Soup Kitchen



If you receive an email that seems to be from someone you know at FPC asking for favors, gift cards, money, or offering photos, do not respond.

When you have news to share, send it to secretary@fpcnewport.org. Include dates, times, details, and contact information. This will ensure that it appears in FPC communications platforms.



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Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

